

## Citizenship Ceremony Dress Code

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### 1. Purpose

To meet the requirement of the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code which states that individual councils should set a Dress Code for its citizenship ceremonies.

To make a formal statement that Council encourages attendees to wear traditional, cultural and/or national dress.

### 2. Application And Scope

This Dress Code applies to all attendees of a citizenship ceremony conducted by the City of Melton.

### 3. General Provisions

In order to reflect the significance of becoming an Australian citizen at a City of Melton citizenship ceremony, attendees should wear either formal or business attire or smart casual attire.

Attendees are encouraged to wear traditional, national, or cultural dress.

Council respectfully asks that items, including clothing, tattoos, accessories such as shoes, bags, masks, hats, etc., signs or body paint, that contain profanity, nudity, racism, remarks, slogans, offensive images and insignia, or anything that may be deemed offensive by another person are not worn to any Citizenship Ceremony, or that these items remain covered up during the entirety of the event.

Any person in attendance who violates this dress code may not be permitted entry to the event.

Council authorises the Senior Officer of Council present at Citizenship Ceremonies to enforce this code.

## 4. Definitions

Term	Definition
Citizenship ceremony	A formal event that marks the final legal step in the acquisition of Australian citizenship where, for most people, the pledge of commitment is made to an authorised presiding officer.
Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code (the 'Code')	follows the <i>Australian Citizenship Act 2007</i> and sets out the legal and other requirements for conducting citizenship ceremonies as well as the roles and responsibilities for those involved in citizenship ceremonies.  The Code provides guidance to organisations to help plan and conduct citizenship ceremonies.
Offensive	Any item that may cause someone to feel resentful, upset, or annoyed.

## 5. Related Documents

Name	Location
<i>Australian Citizenship Act 2007</i>	<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2020C00309">https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2020C00309</a>
<i>Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code – December 2025</i>	<a href="https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship-subsite/files/australian-citizenship-ceremonies-code.pdf">https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/citizenship-subsite/files/australian-citizenship-ceremonies-code.pdf</a>

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